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German Radio Announces Sensational Turn in Vichy Mystery

PETAIN AND DARLAN REPORTED IN AFRICA

Special to "The People"

LAST NIGHT THE GERMAN TRANS-OCEAN RADIO SERVICE BROADCAST SENSATIONAL REPORTS, PICKED UP IN LONDON, THAT MARSHAL PETAIN AND ADMIRAL DARLAN HAD FLOWN TO AFRICA; AND THAT RIOTING AND SHOOTING HAD TAKEN PLACE IN VICHY.

These reports, which should be treated with reserve, were quoted by the German radio service as emanating from Berne.

This sensational news followed a day of rumour and mystery in which Petain was stated to have defied Nazi demands for direct aid to the Axis.

The reports were received in authoritative circles in London with the utmost reserve; and in some quarters it was felt that they may have been circulated by the Nazi propaganda machine to create unrest and as a possible excuse to march into unoccupied France.

Laval Lied in a
Communique, for an

ITALIAN KILLED CHIAPPE

JEAN CHIAPPE, FORMER PARIS POLICE CHIEF, AND VICHY'S HIGH COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE FOR SYRIA, WHO WAS KILLED WHILE FLYING TO TUNISIA, WAS SHOT DOWN BY AN ITALIAN FIGHTER PLANE ON THE DAY OF THE SEA BATTLE BETWEEN BRITISH AND ITALIAN FORCES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN ON NOVEMBER 27.

Laval, then Vice-Premier of the Vichy Government, ordered that the French communique should say that the plane was shot down by British fighters.

THE PAPER USED IT to have material for this, a special correspondent in Lisbon of "France," said of the French communique in this country, said that it has been circulating since the death of Chiappe.

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U.S. AID TO BRITAIN BILL IS PASSED TO SENATE

Washington, Saturday.

The House of Representatives passed the bill to aid Britain tonight.

The bill now goes to the Senate, the Foreign Relations Committee of which is at present still hearing testimony from opponents of the measure.

The amendment limiting maximum aid to \$325,000,000 applies only to present stocks of equipment of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, including equipment contracted for during the current fiscal year.

It does not limit in any way future appropriations which may be made directly under the bill.

In Vichy last night it was rumoured that Darlan might be made head of the Cabinet under Petain.

The German demands and Vichy's answers are stated to be:

1. Laval to be French Premier, with power to nominate his own Government.

Removal of the Government from Vichy to Paris to ensure closer collaboration with Germany.

Darlan declined to give guarantees.

2. Germany demanded the control of the French Fleet to secure domination of the Mediterranean.

Darlan replied that Vichy would be ready to collaborate economically, but could give no military aid to Germany. If necessary, the French Fleet would be scuttled.

3. Hitler demanded the German occupation of Bizerta, the important French naval base on the African coast, opposite Sicily.

General Weygand, G.O.-C. in North Africa, forestalled this by declaring that the landing of German forces in the French Colonies would not be permitted.

It was believed last night that unless Laval gets his full demands he will stay in Paris.

(Messages from Reuter and B.U.P.)

**A SOLDIER'S
ROMANCE**
Corporal Lowell Bennett, an American now with the Free French Army, and Miss Enid Walker, who he married at Hampstead yesterday.



The King To Wavell

THE King has sent the following message to General Sir Archibald Wavell, G.O.C. in C. Middle East:

"The capture of Benghazi is a notable landmark in the campaign in North Africa which is being carried out with such brilliance by you and the Imperial troops under your command in conjunction with the Royal Navy and the RAF."

"I warmly congratulate all the ranks of the Army of the Nile and sister services in this further success, which will rank high in the military annals of the British Empire."

(Signed) GEORGE R.I.

3 RAIDERS SHOT DOWN YESTERDAY

Special to "The People"

Three enemy raiders were shot down yesterday, one by A.A. guns at the Folkestone village of Algrange, one by RAF fighters off the South-West Coast, and another, also by the RAF, off the East Coast.

The plane destroyed off the South-West Coast was brought down off Dordman Point, Cornwall.

The aircraft shot down in Kent was a Messerschmitt 109, which when it crashed into a field and was completely burned up, the pilot being killed.

The battery which claimed the raider opened fire when the Messerschmitt was not more than 200 feet up. The pilot's body was not recovered for burial.

It was buried under the wreckage. A second Messerschmitt 109 which had flown over another area made an attack with machine-guns and also dropped several bombs which fell harmlessly. The bombs dropped by the first raider before it was brought down did no damage, and no serious casualties were reported from Air Ministry communique last night stated that one of our fighters is missing from action.

GREYS ROUT BLACKSHIRTS Wop Attack Ends In Disaster

GREYS HAVE INFLICTED GREAT LOSSES ON THE MOST DASTARDLY OF ALL THE COUNTER-ATTACKS TEL DELIVERED BY THE ITALIANS IN ALBANIA, ACCORDING TO ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT QUOTED BY REUTER.

The Italian debacle took place on the central battlefield, the enemy left the battlefield strewn with dead and wounded, the announcer said.

The Italians, the announcer continued, on Friday launched their abortive attempt to break through the Greek forces, closing in upon them at a certain point on the Kissa mountain pass on the central front.

Great losses were inflicted on the Italians and every round fired scored direct hits through the enemy into confusion. After a short, stubborn fight, the counter-attack was virtually smashed by the Greeks.

Then Greek infantry, with fixed and machine-guns, which they fired in the greatest disorder, poured down through the narrow gorge.

Press observers on the front, the announcer said, remark that the losses suffered by the Italians in this battle proved it to have been the most disastrous of all counter-attacks yet delivered by the Italians.

The unsuccessful attack was launched by the Blackshirts, who only a few days ago smashed through the Greek forces, supported by tanks and armoured cars.

GRAZIANI'S SECOND-IN-COMMAND AMONG THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS

British Forces Pressing On

THE BRITISH ARMoured COLUMN WHICH CUT THE ITALIANS' LINE OF RETREAT FROM BENGHAZI HAS NOW REACHED THE COAST BETWEEN SOLUK AND AGEDABIA, IT IS LEARNED IN CAIRO TONIGHT.

Cleaning-up operations are now proceeding in this area. The prisoners taken already run into several thousands, and others are still pouring in.

The corps commander taken prisoner at Benghazi was the second-in-command to Marshal Graziani.

In order to consolidate their position and to squeeze every ounce of advantage out of our victory at Benghazi, our armoured forces are believed to be pressing on to the Gulf of Sidra, where the 300 miles of desert "No man's land" between Cyrenaica and Tripolitania begins.

SOFT SOAP

Out of 13 divisions in the field at the beginning of the Libyan campaign, Italy has lost 10 destroyed or captured.

The other five divisions are hopelessly weakened as a result of loss of material which the British have captured, particularly tanks. The Italians have suffered heavy losses as a result of General Wavell's whirlwind victory.

Mussolini made this admission in his High Command communique yesterday when he broke the news to the Italians of the loss of the city.

To rouse the flagging spirits of his disheartened troops, Mussolini claimed that British losses in the battle were also heavy. But the Duce has made these claims before—at the fall of Sir Barran, Bardia and Tobruk.

And in each of these battles the real British casualties have been numbered in hundreds.

In a further attempt to soften the blow the Italian press were told:

Benghazi was evacuated to spare the civilian population from hardship.

It has no real strategic importance. Big brother Adolf will come to help them—"The combined forces of the Axis will oppose Britain."

The Italian troops are withdrawing according to plan "without losing a single man."

But even Italians, studying their maps of Mussolini's crashing retreat, must have realised that General Wavell had achieved one of the most striking military feats of all time.

It is only now, after Benghazi is in our hands, that the secret of Wavell's triumph can be told.

After the fall of Tobruk the British forces split up into two sections.

One headed due west along the coastal road towards Benghazi, the other along the inland route.

The Italians thought the attack was coming from that direction.

But another British force of armoured cars and motorised units was racing towards Benghazi across a barren and waterless desert along tracks used only by an occasional caravan.

For two days this column was held up by Italian resistance at El Machili.

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Surprise Cabinet Changes

MR. MACDONALD GOES TO CANADA

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CHIEF OF THE SURPRISING MINISTERIAL CHANGES ANNOUNCED FROM DOWNING STREET YESTERDAY WAS THE TRANSFER OF MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, MINISTER OF HEALTH, TO CANADA AS HIGH COMMISSIONER.

His successor at the Health Ministry is megaphone-voiced Mr. Ernest Brown, Secretary for Scotland.

Necessary authority is to be sought to enable Mr. MacDonald to retain his seat in Parliament as National Government member for Ross and Cromarty.

Scottish-born Mr. Tom Johnston, Labour M.P. for West Stirlingshire, gets his first Cabinet post as Secretary for Scotland.

But he will be no stranger to that office, for he was Under-Secretary 1929-31 in Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's second Labour administration.

The appointment of Lord Moyne as Colonial Secretary and Leader of the House of Lords in succession to the late Lord Lloyd was also announced.

Other appointments are:—Duke of Norfolk, Joint Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture. He is thirty-three.

Mr. George Tomlinson (fifty-one), additional Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Labour and National Service.

Mr. Wilfred Paking (fifty-seven), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Pensions.

Mr. H. S. Scrymgeour Wedderburn (thirty-eight), additional Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Scottish Office.

RAIDER OVER CORNWALL
A German aeroplane flew over Cornwall yesterday morning at an altitude of 10,000 feet. No bombs were dropped.

ANOTHER SINK RUINED HARSH, SCRATCHY CLEANSERS MAKE EASY WORK FOR SCUMMY AND GREASY

**MIRRO CLEANS SMOOTHLY
— CAN'T SCRATCH!**
Grease and grime can't stick to Mirro-smooth surfaces

ASK FOR MIRRO, THE AMAZING NEW CLEANER, AT YOUR SHOP
Handy Junior size 31d. Giant Economy size 6d.

MIRRO
THE AMAZING NEW NEVER-SCRATCH CLEANER

Thomas Hollis & Co. Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne & Manchester

De Wet is a relative of the famous Boer War General, and the son of a former British Naval officer.

He is a "Volksischer Boechter" described him as "intelligent, unafraid, talented, and capable of noble emotions"—B.U.P.

NOTED MASON PASSES
One of England's most prominent Freemasons, and a prominent politician, aged eighty-seven.

According to the Nazi outlook...

BABES AS WELL AS BOMBS!

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

AN IMPORTANT PROBLEM IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOBILISATION OF THE NATION'S WOMAN POWER FOR THE WAR EFFORT IS NOW ENGAGING THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EXPERT ADVISERS.

'Chins Up' Salute To London AFS

TRIBUTE IN THE FORM OF AN ILLUSTRATED RECORD OF WHAT LONDON FIREMEN HAVE DONE TO SAVE THEIR CITY FROM FLAMES COMES FROM THE AMERICAN RE-SERVE INSURANCE COMPANY.

It is dedicated, with the greeting: "We salute you, O the courageous men of the London Auxiliary Fire Service," and tells the story of men with their chins up and their smiling eyes upon the sky.

The illustrations show the work of 30,000 men and 5,000 women who, walking amid fires, have saved much of London from being a smoking ruin. It is recorded how millions of feet of hose and thousands of petrol-driven pumps were provided, how operations were directed from central headquarters, and how each report at their salient points brought the progress of the fire-fighters.

It is told all this, and it is told how it has been decided that the men and women from Britain and Empire here the departments for the huge task that may yet face them.

FASTER MAILS FOR TROOPS IN EAST

Cairo, Saturday. DETERMINED efforts are now being made to improve mail services for the British troops in Egypt and the Sudan.

This follows the success of the Christmas letter scheme under which every officer and man in every platoon was enabled to send a postcard to his family by a special train.

More victims of rheumatic aches and pains praise Fynnon Salt

OTHER THE CAUSE OF LUMBAGO, SCIATICA, MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM, NEURITIS, & MIGRAINE, GOUT & RHEUMATISM

And anything more gratifying to a victim of rheumatic aches than to find a cure being cleared away? A shepherd who lives near Chelmsford writes: "My doctor told me I ought to have treatment. I saw an advertisement for Fynnon and got a tin. After trying out instructions on the tin I found relief and now I am hung up my sick because I can go about without aches. Neither my husband nor I would be without Fynnon, believe me!"

Rheumatic aches get into the joints. You can't see without wanting to cry out. No cure of rheumatism is worthy of the name which doesn't affect these joints.

22 YEARS MARTYR TO RHEUMATISM NOW MOVES WITH PERFECT EASE

As I have been a sufferer from rheumatism for the last 22 years, some of my friends asked me to try Fynnon. I have used it and now I can walk with perfect ease. Practically cured. Mrs. Todd, Langhorne.

Further Proof! I was discharged from hospital as incurable and have been here for 12 months. I could not walk and I was in great pain. I tried Fynnon and now I can walk and I am in great pain. I tried Fynnon and now I can walk and I am in great pain.

Large tin of Fynnon Salt 1/5 all chemists. Trial size 1/10. exclusive of postage tax.

Start "The Home Spa Treatment" to-day.

Fynnon Salt

FYNNON LTD., Gt. WEST ROAD, BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX

Documents Burned And Buried BLITZ IS GIVING THE LAWYERS A PACKET OF TROUBLE

"When Snowdrops Bloom Spring Can't be Far Behind"

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LAWYERS ARE PROBABLY PRETTY GOOD AT GETTING PEOPLE OUT OF TROUBLE. BUT SOME HUNDREDS OF THEM NOW ARE FACING THE BIGGEST PACKETS OF TROUBLE THAT THEY HAVE EVER KNOWN.

Their offices and chambers have been bombed and incorporated the reports of "Inquiry Agents," who have shadowed respondents and co-respondents from hotel to hotel for months, have gone up in flames or been buried beneath tons of debris.

Solicitors and clerks, and K.C.s and counsel have recovered a few of the papers by forming themselves into salvage squads and digging among the ruins of their premises; but in the majority of cases the bulk of their papers have been lost for ever.

And in some cases the loss of these documents may be very important, indeed—only to the lawyers themselves, but to their clients.

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LEASES AND DEEDS—Thousands of leases and deeds relating to property in some of the worst areas that have gone up in the blitz. These deeds often constitute the only title of the owners to their property.

SKETCHES IN THE CUPBOARD—Many of the sketches in the cupboards of cases to deal with will be that with which many of the old-fashioned firms of solicitors are acquainted.

They handle the private business of the old and faded law firms and sometimes have handled it for hundreds of years.

With the papers in these cases lost, and with some of the ladies looking forward again out of the past, there may be some awkward situations.

DUCHES INSPECTS AIR-RAID CANTEENS

On her second tour of inspection in a fortnight of W.V.S. activities in South Bucks, the Duchess of Kent saw the two mobile canteens presented by the Red Cross to the South Bucks W.V.S. for A.R.P. service.

The second of these canteens, just presented, is of a new type originated as the result of first-hand experience in bombed areas.

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RED CROSS SUNDAY

Colchester will be busy in many places of worship for the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and the Duke of Kent's Red Cross are co-operating in an effort to raise the money for the church collections of £35,000.

The fund has advanced this week by approximately £10,000 and now stands at £45,000.

FEEDING THE DOG

Now that certain foods are no longer available for feeding dogs, many owners are finding the food problem a difficult one. There is, however, a considerable variety of nourishing foodstuffs still available.

The National Canine Defence League, Victoria Station House, S.W.1, has just issued a revised edition of the leaflet "War-Time Dog Food." A copy will be sent gratis to any dog owner who sends a postcard to the League.

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BLISS OUT OF THE BLITZ

THIS IS THE THIRD MONDAY WE'VE HAD TO STAY IN THE CITY. THE CLIMATE'S HOT. THE CITY'S HOT. YOU'VE GOT TO STAY IN THE CITY. THE CLIMATE'S HOT. THE CITY'S HOT. YOU'VE GOT TO STAY IN THE CITY.

BECAUSE I CAN'T GET THE WASHING DONE THAT'S WHY I'VE GOT TO STAY IN THE CITY. THE CLIMATE'S HOT. THE CITY'S HOT. YOU'VE GOT TO STAY IN THE CITY.

NOW DON'T YOU TAKE ON SOME SENSE. I'VE GOT TO STAY IN THE CITY. THE CLIMATE'S HOT. THE CITY'S HOT. YOU'VE GOT TO STAY IN THE CITY.

THEY LOOK AT ME AND SAY: "YOU'VE GOT TO STAY IN THE CITY. THE CLIMATE'S HOT. THE CITY'S HOT. YOU'VE GOT TO STAY IN THE CITY."

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By Mark Priestley

YOU MAY NOT KNOW MACK'S SHACK. IT'S JUST ONE OF A SCORE OF PULL-UP SHANTIES ON THE GREAT NORTH ROAD WITH THE SLOGAN "OPEN ALL NIGHT" PIN-POINTED INTO THE BLACK-OUT BLINDS.

ITS PROPRIETOR LOST A LEG AT YPRES, BUT THIS HASN'T PREVENTED HIS GETTING A WAR JOB IN A MIDLANDS FACTORY.

His wife carries on, serving out meals to lorry-drivers, dispensing steaming rich brown tea into billycans, and she says she wouldn't change her customers for all the glamour boys in the RAF.

One of her "regulars" came in the other night with blood seeping from a six-inch gash in his cheek.

"Don't worry, Mother," he said. "It's a cut from a bit of a bomb splinter. I pulled it out, and here it is. Nice little souvenir from Jerry! Bomb went off about six yards from the last! Now, if you could kindly oblige with a bit o' bandage?"

They patched him up and wanted to fling the tea in free. The lorry-driver wouldn't hear of it. He paid as usual and departed as usual into the dark with his 15-tonner.

"Anyone know what he had under his tarsi (tarpuilins)?" a customer asked.

"If he was running his usual, it'll have been H.E.!" someone answered.

IRON NERVE AND HEROISM

THAT is only a fragment from the tale-in-progress of Britain's transport in these days. To imagine anything near the full

brave story you have to multiply this episode by 43,000 miles of the main lines of railway, filling in the fleets of road freighters and the army of railwaymen and to mind that the severing of Britain's main lines of communication has been one of the avowed main objects of the Blitz.

Then you have to mix in the incomparable calm of the roadmen, the iron nerve and casual heroism of signalmen and the resource of the busconductor gangs.

There's a lorry-driver who went swinging along with a low of dynamite one night on the road from Somersham in England to somewhere else. Down swished an incendiary, probably intended for another target close by.

Methodically he pulled into the side of the road, kicked the bomb into a ditch, and stifled the flames on the smoldering boxes of dynamite with his two gloved hands.

Then he blithely rode on, having logged a memo of the "cause of damage."

There's a railway shunter who takes a blithely casual attitude to explosive bombs. The bombs haven't yet gone off, they were getting warm. "Come on, he called, "we've got to get on."

They all knew the danger. And they faced it, removing a flaming sheet and the topmost layer of bombs till the danger of spreading fire was passed.

WON GLORY THAT NIGHT

OUTSIDE a corset magazine, one of the most dangerous hot-spots in London, it is possible to find, a bomb went sky-high.

It set fire to two trucks of cordite at the loading platform and derailed another truck-load.

Sidney Friend, Arthur Hames, and Harry Taylor won their share of glory that night. They might have been prematurely gained their place in Kingdom Come.

They faced the fire in the blazing trucks. Then they realised that some of the flames had spat onto the magazine and that it could be only a few seconds before one of those gigantic signs of German communications went off in reality.

Into the magazine they went, treading the deadly, dangerous path of duty. One cordite box was already burning. The sides of many others were toasting in the heat.

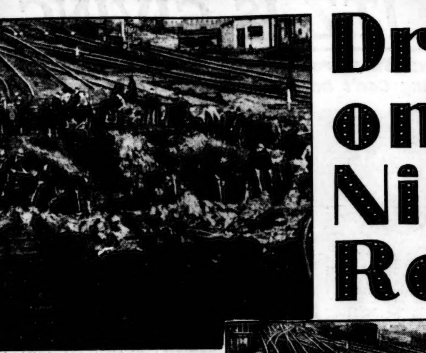
All three had been trained for this. They were not on an occasion such as this. Their sole fire weapons were hand-pumps. Yet they quenched the flames in the magazine, finally extinguished the trucks, and tidily unpacked the uninsured cordite from the overturned wagon.

"All in the night's work!" they tried to say.

Was it all in the night's work for a yard inspector who must remain anonymous—when his inspiring example saved a goods train stuffed with ammunition and petrol?

Those Luftwaffe pilots had aimed at the goods yard, but had

Cavalcade of the Blitz



WHEN darkness falls and Hitler's bombers begin their nightly strafe from the skies, drama grim and tense stalks Britain's heavily laden highways. Then it is that the men who man our transport system emerge not only as workers but as soldiers in mufti, guarding and maintaining the vital supply lines of the country's war effort.

Here are just a few examples of their courage and amazing resource gathered from road and rail across the length and breadth of the land.

merely set a building ablaze. A wind had spread the flames. A dislodged hoarding had collapsed across the train, and just as the inspector arrived it was directly threatened.

The A.P.S. men warned him of the danger.

"We'll move it away from the danger area," the inspector said. He asked for hoses to be placed on the nearest section of the line, flames lapping at the train itself. Then he uncoiled the truck most in peril and, with two other men, pushed it down the siding.

Bus of burning timber fell on to the ammunition and were flicked aside. Just as they were beginning to breathe again, a plane zoomed over and dropped an incendiary.

OUT ON THE USUAL RUN

IT fell in front of the truck. They put it, it was a key-frame. "O' course," he became a key-frame in the language of courage.

Engine-drivers and firemen know that "of course" the safest place in a road is beneath the tender of the locomotive.

A driver had hurrowed there once when five tons of coal above him went up in powder—and he emerged unharmed.

Another footplate couple were pushing their way through the melting treads when a small H.E. bomb exploded. The signs were imminent that the boiler would explode, and bombs were still falling.

"Yel," of course, they leapt back on to the footplate, flooded the boiler to reduce steam pressure, stopped baling the fire-box, and thus averted a disaster.

A few minutes later, with another locomotive, they were out on the usual run over the permanent way.

O' course!

They had appealed to Kipling, these men who see it that war supplies go through. They never make a sound about their "shows." They merely get on with the job in hand, and get it done.

By all the Nazi theories of war, these transport should have been seriously dislocated for days after the attack.

WHAT SAY YOU?

1.—It's a municipal borough in Cornwall; it's named for its cathedral; it's noted for its smelting. Name it.

2.—It's a servant in literary; it's a postman; it's a lady; it's a snob. Name it.

3.—It's a port; it's a harbour; it's a station or refuge for ships. Name it.

4.—It's a place in the ecclesiastical dignities in the Roman Catholic Church; it's a Continental cathedral; it's a word of three letters. Name it.

5.—It's a pause or a short entertainment between the acts of a play; it's a piece of music played between the acts of a drama. Name it.

6.—It's a vehicle mounted on runners for driving over snow or ice; it's a sled; it's a kind of boat. Name it.

ABOVE is the crater formed when a bomb fell on a railway track during a recent raid, and (lower) the same spot only a few hours later, with a normal rail service resumed over the repaired track.

A powerful bomb had tipped through the arches of a viaduct, carrying down six sets of lines and drenching adjoining arches.

An exploded bomb by the tactics of the repair gangs, trains were running across within a few hours.

They couldn't repair the viaduct in a hurry. So they filled up the arches with rubble and transformed it into a solid embankment.

An exploded bomb buried itself near a main-line signal box. The signalman announced that it was of such a nature that it could not be disposed of immediately.

Yes, it defied even six sets of lines and drenching adjoining arches.

Every man of the traffic and locomotive running staffs stepped forward and volunteered to run a string of freight wagons on to the near-side up-line in order to clear the potential explosion from down-line traffic. They all knew the vibration would be immense—and perilous.

A picked few were chosen. They thought it an honour, rather than a risk. Thanks to their courage, two dozen freight, food and mail trains—which otherwise would have failed—went on to their destinations.

Schedules might have gone on to the blast that night when a bomb glanced off a main signal-box and settled down beside it. Two thousand passing trains a day depended on the three shut-sleeved men at the levers.

Harry Levitt, Tom Herbert and Ernest Baldock, merely raised their eyebrows as the blow shook the building.

THE DRIVERS NEVER GROUSE

INSIDE an hour and a quarter sixty players of the up-line repaired and open. Forty five minutes before normal service had been restored.

Along came the trains, the drivers achieving their own little bit of bit business—normal, side windows shut and blacked out, engine-cab and tender tarpaulins closed, eyes.

They're glad when the search-lights shine; it relieves the nerves a little.

Way behind them, maybe, a fussy passenger grumbles about the dimness of his reading lamp. The drivers never grumble.

People just don't realise! It is the guards who have to do the extra to add about the women who have doors open, careless of glare, at thirty-second stops.

The blast had blown tickets back over the place, scattered books and destroyed everything into an indescribable debris.

He picked up a ticket looked at it and made it another. Then he began the task of tidying up.

He should have been a stretcher-bearer. Instead it was past midnight before he quitted.

That's how the railways have carried on. And I'm not forgetting the roadmen.

There's a point in the North where highway and iron way

streak side by side. The driver of a goods train and the driver of a lorry used to meet there regularly some time around 3 a.m., and as part of their unspoken friendship they used to pace each other till the train swung away round a curve.

One morning, when the fire-bombs were falling, the train driver looked back just at the curve, and saw the lorry alone. At the next station he gave the alarm.

When the brigade arrived, the transport was reduced to the steel framework of the cab. It had been hit stacked at the side of the road where the cases of cargo—all save three.

The driver had unlashed in the scorching heat of the flames. His clothes were practically scorched off his back.

Roads and railways used to be at war. Now the Blitz has welded them into a fighting whole.

NEXT SUNDAY: THE BRAVEST DEEDS OF ALL

HENS buy War Savings Certificates

BECAUSE he gets on, Mr. L. J. P. Lin, a Londoner, "toasted with the idea of chickens."

Then a knowing friend who saw the "toasted" chickens suggested they wanted to grow and told him to give them some food.

Mr. Lin was averaging eggs as the "toasted" chickens were growing. "I've been buying eggs," writes Mr. L. J. P. Lin, "and I've been saving them for my hens."

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I am 76, and your tablets do me more good than anything I have ever tried. I have had several operations, could scarcely move, and I feel better now than I have for years.

I have recommended Yeast-Vite to many people—patients. All but one have found the tablets a great blessing.

Yours truly, (Sgd.) Nurse L. S.

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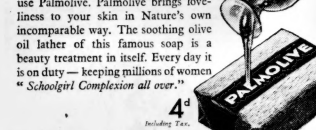
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When everything points to

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By CYRIL P. CORRIGAN

IN THE PLAINS OF LOMBARDY THE GUNS ROARED, BELCHING FORTH DEATH AND DESTRUCTION. CHARGE AND COUNTER-CHARGE, THE DREAD WORK OF THE BAYONET AND THE SABRE, AND THE SMOKE OF THE ITALIAN FIELDS INTO A SHAMBLE. OVER VAST TRACTS OF THE ONCE PEACEFUL COUNTRYSIDE, THE DEAD LAY IN THEIR THOUSANDS.

The countless wounded, writhing in agony, turned mute eyes heavenward, under the scorching rays of a pitiless sun.

The battle of Solferino, in which the armies of Austria were defeated by the allied French and Piedmontese, was at its height.

Suddenly, into the midst of this inferno, there appeared a strange figure, a visitor who might have come from another world.

With faltering steps he made his way on to the battlefield, an elderly man dressed in an exquisitely tailored suit of white drapery.

Trudged underneath his right arm was a leather portfolio.

In the midst of this carnage, more than this dandified civilian could have imagined in the midst of such carnage.

He had not come to fight. He was just a Swiss business man, a banker, interested in the development of milk as a place called Monte-Denis in Algeria.

His leather portfolio he carried pamphlets relating to that great business project in Africa.

He had an enterprise which had already sent him wandering around the world, hither and thither across Europe.

He was seeking to interest Don't Leave Your LUNGS IN PERIL

EVERY time you cough you are being warned of danger in your lungs. Every time you cough you are actually trying to get rid of germs, phlegm and mucus which are clogging up your passages and spreading trouble in your breathing organs.

Get rid of the danger NOW! Don't wait for danger to make matters worse. Take VERON'S Lightning COUGH CURE.

This unfailing remedy relieves like lightning. The coughing stops. You breathe easily. Your chest and lungs have new freedom. In fact this famous family remedy is so beneficial it is the only one of its kind.

Get your bottle of VERON'S Lightning COUGH CURE. Take as directed. If you are not satisfied with results, return your empty bottle to the manufacturer.

See the uncarved-for-wounded dying like fleas, this frequenter of the aristocratic Paris salons, himself sleek and perfumed and exulting in his own beauty, which even willing, strong men quailed from.

He gathered a thousand wounded men into a church and chattered to them as if they were his own.

He sent whomsoever he could for what dressings, food and comfort they could procure.

A man of wealth, he became as humble and self-effacing as the poorest labourer.

With his own hands he tended the dying.

He gathered around him poor assistants—an old naval officer with the decorations of forgotten battles on his coat.

An Italian painter, and two Englishmen who made their way into his battlefield through acts of courtesy and whose services were then commended.

But chief of his helpers was a burly, bearded countryman, himself wounded, who followed at Henri Dunant's heels with admiration, astonishment and reluctance.

For three days Dunant toiled, thus giving spiritual consolation as well as physical ease.

Thus worked for men upon whom even insensitive persons could scarcely look, resting away from their wounds and in mortal agony.

These men were succoured by him with infinite compassion, and enabled to die in comparative peace.

Out of it all, Henri Dunant wrote a fervent appeal, an appeal which was to have world-wide repercussions.

AGONY UNIMAGINABLE

He addressed a letter to the Comtesse de Larosière, one of the great Paris ladies of his acquaintance.

We have here, said, "40,000 wounded Austrians and Allies from this disaster, and I have been obliged to describe the things I have seen."

But he embodied by the blessings of the unfortunate wounded a few words of comfort. I turn to you with the request that you could scarcely look, resting away from their wounds and in mortal agony.

Every 15 minutes for three days I have seen a human sea of suffering agonies. There is doing a grand job in a way that has won the admiration of the whole world outside the Alps.

I am not setting the magnificent deeds of our soldiers, sailors and airmen. They are doing a grand job in a way that has won the admiration of the whole world outside the Alps.

Men of Vision

No. 3

of Solferino worked. He started to pay his debts. He knew what it was to be an outcast, to be poor, to be cold, to be hungry, to be such a way as, according to himself, alone could open the human heart to trust compassion.

About 1860 came the dramatic sequel. The little children of Helveta, a remote Swiss town, came home and told their parents about an old gentleman dressed in white with a velvet cap and a long white beard whom they met in the streets, picking up tiny white stones and putting them in his pockets.

They described this old man so strikingly that their parents felt he could not be like other men, and sought him out.

The story trickled through to the offices of the local newspaper. It reached the ears of a bright young Swiss journalist, and enabled him to bring off the scoop of his life.

In the slushhouse of the town, rumor said, was a quagmire, a cent, cleanly bearded individual known as "Monsieur Dunant."

The name seemed familiar. The newspaper man was haunted by it. Suddenly he remembered where he had heard it before.

FOLLIES OF HUMANKIND

When he recollected that, he was so astonished that even then he could scarcely credit his own conjectures.

Yes, it was he! Dunant of the Red Cross, Dunant the Genevese banker of the romantic and tragic life.

Coldly Monsieur received his visitor. He was gracious in face, the young man's respect, but uninterested, unimpressed.

His little skull-cap, his neat black suit and spotless linen, the slender remote old man sat in the small, white-washed cell which was now his little world.

From it he surveyed the follies of mankind. He looked back unimpressed at the one that had agonised his heart.

Out into eternity he gazed, that elderly man, he now saw as a safe resting place.

His magic white hands hovered over the papers on his rickety table, covering sheets of manuscript with his beautiful French script.

The story of his life told now without passion. His last testament.

I wish to be carried to my grave like a dog, without a single one of those Christian ceremonies which I do not recognise. I am a disciple of Christ, but in the vestments of a dog.

Flowers and gifts came to the young man, he now that he was "discovered."

From a generation for a brief spell. And once more J. Henri Dunant was forgotten.

He left him for fifteen years in peace.

The story of Henri Dunant, the dreamer and great humanitarian, who founded a movement that was to spread like a prairie fire all over the globe.

His soul was born for a purpose yet achieving it seemingly by accident.

He was born in the town of Helveta, they found at the almshouse, a "love, goodness and distinction."

There he was, in his old age, living an honourable, struggling life, helped by a pitiable family, a being who had discovered that he leached the "moral" world and was an enemy of Church and State.

How and why his last testament.

For twenty years the fanatic

LIFE'S BIG PROBLEMS

YOU AND YOUR WAR!

By the People's Friend

But behind them, not in William, stand the forces of the world, resolved to resist to the bitter end. Make no mistake about it—the ordinary men and women from the ordinary streets are just as important as the emperors, kings and all forces.

If they cracked, then the whole of our war effort would rapidly disintegrate. The rot would spread like an infectious disease eating its way into the nation's heart.

Invasion would show as heavy a strain on the civilian population as it would on the troops. In France the streams of terror-stricken refugees clattering the roads and the military operations were with another two divisions to the Germans.

THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN HERE. THIS ENGLAND HAS WITHIN HER THE MOST VALUABLE OF ALL WEAPONS. THE HORRORS OF MASS ASSAULT FROM THE AIR WILL NOT BE REPRODUCED. THE BLOOD CURDLING THREATS SHRIEKED OVER THE RADIO BY THE LEAVE US UNDISMAYED.

Our courage is faithless, our determination is feeble, our resolve is weak. Like the symbol of British strength we were slow to rise, but now we are on our feet, there's trouble ahead for Germany.

The news Willkie takes back to America. He got it first-hand from the Little Man and his wife—the plain folk upon whom so much depends.

WAR CANNOT BE WON OR LOST ON THE BATTLEFIELD ALONE. THE STRENGTH AND VALOUR OF OUR NATION'S FIGHTING MEN ARE NO LONGER THE SOLE DECIDING FACTORS.

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Still Muddling Along WAR ON RED TAPE

MANY SLIP TWIXT BET AND WHIP

WIFE: My husband is a superslender. The other day when he gave me some money to place a bet for him the money slipped through my fingers. He said, "Now the horse must lose," and bit me.

Wife: As my husband is usually represented, I would not be an adjustment to what I might be legally represented. Not that I am afraid of my husband's lawyer, but so we can start at scratch.

Wife: I have been married 20 years and I've canoodled the good points of my husband's mother said he had.

Wife: I may have been lucky in finding a man to love, but I don't like my husband consulting about his calls "my old woman."

Wife: I might think my husband a term, but I do not know a woman next to me looking the same.

Wife: My neighbour and I were good friends until one day when I said I was taking lessons in cooking. The next I am sure my husband's neighbour was looking at me.

Whitehall Is Wasting Time And Money

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

WIDESPREAD MUDDLE IN MANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO BE INVESTIGATED BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL EXPENDITURE.

The Committee will be urged to recommend that business men should be brought in to cut out Civil Service red tape, and to speed up the operations of the Whitehall departments.

After war began hundreds of men holding important administrative and executive posts in business were invited to register their names with the Central Registry of the Ministry of Labour, so that their ability and experience could be used by the nation.

They did so. But since then they have heard nothing.

The Civil Service is still tugging along at its old pace, with its old ponderous muddle.

Typical of the muddle is the fact that the committee will be asked to examine the following:—

BREAD is being sent very much more from one town to another several miles away. This is being done in the case of Town "A" and "B," but in some cases.

NEVER USED

IDEAL LORRIES.—Although thousands of lorries are commandeered, it is government policy that they should not be used in the case of Town "A" and "B," but in some cases.

COMPETITION.—Though the big munition departments have cut out competition between themselves for supplies—competition which used to force up prices—this policy is still prevailing in connection with transport. One department wants fleets of lorries, but cannot get them because another department has offered a slightly better price.

NO COAL.—A big city in the West Country is seriously short of coal. The purchasing authorities and the collieries devised a scheme to provide a supply of coal by drawing it from a town drawing its water transport. The length of that journey would have been and is being made by Army units.

The railways killed the scheme, and the coal still has to go by the roundabout route of over 100 miles.

ARMY WASTE

Other towns are being kept short of coal because of the foolish system of piling up mileage which prevails. Instead of a town drawing its coal from a colliery forty miles away it gets it from two hundred miles away. The money cost therefore sends its way to the other parts of the country.

WASTE OF PETROL.—Huge quantities of petrol and oil are being wasted by Army units. The lorries and vans are sent on regular journeys from towns to towns, buying a few baskets of provisions.

JAPANESE REDUCE
BRITON'S SENTENCE

Tokyo, Saturday.—The Osaka Keizai Shimbun today upheld the conviction of Mr. Vincent Peters, forty-seven-year-old Briton, on a charge of espionage, but reduced his sentence from eight to five years' penal servitude.

Mr. Peters was arrested on January 17 last and sentenced at Kobe in September after a trial conducted in Japanese, of which he was practically ignorant.—Reuter.

DOCTOR BEATS
THE MOSQUITO

Johannesburg, Saturday.—A chemical preparation which will save South African troops from infection from malaria-carrying mosquitoes has been produced by Dr. Rothen of Meillon, entomologist at the South African Institute of Research. It is already available to the Army.

Dr. de Meillon carried out extensive research and tested the preparation before he found it was effective against swarms of malarial mosquitoes. Using the preparation, he thrusts swarms of mosquitoes into his face. None went near him. Later he put an arm into a cage beside the cage and was immediately attacked.—A.P.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

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Slender women have all the advantages. Her splendid body, lovely skin and youthful face are attained by the use of means. Beas Beans are a healthy, health-keeping beauty cream.

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So to become slim and enjoy the physical and social advantages of a slender, fashionable figure.

Don't Forget Nightly
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FALL OF TOBRUK

Buildings in Tobruk burning furiously, with the Italian cruiser San Giorgio on fire in the background.

"Crouching Monsters" Pound Jerry IF INVASION COMES—

Beaches Armed And Waiting

By A Special Correspondent with the British Home Forces

BRITISH LONG-RANGE GUNS, LIKE CROUCHING MONSTERS BEHIND A GIRDLE OF STEEL AND CONCRETE, POUND THE "INVASION" PORT OF CALAIS, TOSsing THOUSANDS OF TONS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE ACROSS THE CHANNEL AND CHALLENGING THE COUNTER-FIRE FROM THE GERMAN RAILWAY BATTERIES.

All the soldiers, from Brigadier to private, have the same desire—"Hope old Jerry will have a go at it. We will brown his hide for him this time."

I counted many field guns and light, medium and heavy artillery in one stretch. Further along, heavy and light machine guns, mortars and grader-pieces commanded the beach. Barbed wire and concrete blocks dot every available landing place and even the heights above can be swept with a concentrated artillery fire.

Beach batteries stood forth and empty. The water on the beach one glanced into the dining-room of a once fashionable hotel and encountered the old grey muck of a machine gun.

A sandbox intended for children held thousands of rounds of Bren ammunition.

Back among the big guns the crews remarked with a grin: "It must be a big surprise to Jerry to have one of these things popping at him."

Then the whole land seemed to snap with a concussion which hit one like a flying tackle. Then fading into the distance was the "whack whack whack" of a shell and, if the wind was right, the faint boom of an explosion.

The gun crew grinned again; the captain said sourly: "I wish I knew how much damage we've done."

The town looks like all the war-torn towns you ever saw pictured in books or at the cinema. A handful of civilians breaks the monotony of black and blue. The snow blew through holes in buildings and danced in rooms open and into a square.

But a quarter of a mile away, a picture-house was still on. "Ship of fools," and soldiers, sailors and airmen, back from patrol in cover and, were crowding in. A few shops were still open, but the German warships have replaced the seaweeds.

Here the war is preparing its own "Mardi Gras."

Moon Aids Our Bombers

Night's Heaviest Raid on Boulogne

INVASION PORTS OF BOULOGNE, DUNKIRK, CALAIS AND OSTEND WERE RAIDED ON FRIDAY NIGHT BY AIRCRAFT OF THE BOMBERS COMMAND. IT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, THE ATTACKS, WHICH WERE MADE IN PERFECT WEATHER, WERE CLEARLY SEEN AND HEARD FROM THE COAST OF KENT. ALL THE PILOTS REPORTED NO MORE THAN LIGHT CLOUDS, WHICH DID NOTHING TO OBSCURE THE MOON.

The heaviest raid of the night fell on the anchorages at Boulogne.

Our bombers were over just after 8.30 p.m. and by 11.15, when the last wave of light bombers had been seen, the back across the Channel, many heavy bombs and some thousands of incendiaries had been dropped.

The docks at Boulogne are crowded together within a fairly small space, and pilot after pilot reported direct hits on the docks. The port was heavily defended, and "flak" ships of the Mole opened fire but failed to stop a single bomber.

CONE OF LIGHT

Then the shore batteries came into action, working in co-operation with searchlights which, as they swung a huge cone of light over the town and docks. Some of the searchlights were operated from woods outside Boulogne.

The bombers dropped their bombs accurately along the quayside and jetted across docks, and along the railway siding in the harbour. The attacks continued, fires sprang up at many points on the coast.

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BOYS 'CHAIR' A LIVE BOMB

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

THREE EDMONTON SCHOOLBOYS HAVE PLAYED WITH DEATH—AND LIVED TO TELL THE TALE

They were searching for wood on a bombed site in North London when they found covered by the wreckage of a chicken run.

U.S. Help For Children Of France

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EX-HEAD CONSTABLE DIES

Sir Leonard, ex-head constable of the London Police, died yesterday at Lower Beeding, Sussex. He was eighty.

THEY CAME BACK WITH "WINGS"

A CONTINGENT of RAF men who joined up early in the war and were sent to Canada to complete their training have just returned with their "wings."

They were accompanied by new Australian and Canadian pilots, and are the first evidence of the success of the rapidly growing Empire air-training scheme.

The new "wings" who disembarked at a Scottish port will be followed at regular intervals by thousands of volunteers including men hailing from Australia, Ceylon, the Malay States and other parts of the Empire.

A 60-m.p.h. gale was encountered during the voyage. When the storm subsided its height the look-outs spotted a mine only 30 yards away.

ONLY ONE ACCIDENT

The British contingent, mainly sergeant-pilots, completed ground training in Britain before they were sent to Canada.

Instruction in Canada was given mainly by "Bush pilots," who before the war flew mail and supplies to remote parts of north-west Canada and Alaska.

The British group completed training without serious mishap, the only damage recorded being ten of the British planes.

They say the training was hard but the instructors speak in glowing terms of Canadian hospitality.

For three weeks' leave before embarkation they were the guests of Canadian families.

The contingent included at least five veterans of the Great War, one an Australian, another a Londoner, and two Canadians. The Adjutant was also wearing medal ribbons earned during 1914-18.

RAID VICTIMS' FUND

The Lord Mayor of London's National Air Raid Distress Fund now stands at £2,000.

Yesterday there were gifts from the Rand Proprietors Mines, Boksburg, the British Electric Fund, Santiago, residents in Lisbon; telegraph operators in Vannes; and brewery employees in Ontario.

"The People's" Secret Service News

(EXCLUSIVE)

★ **Anger Germany's limited credits** further extension for any extension or modification of the material may be quickly imposed by Stalin. Money dealings between Reichsbank and Italian State Bank have been suspended since Italian rout Germany has given notice of foreclosure of mortgage for food and other payments which were secured on Italian goods and contracts for a long time.

★ **New Germany demands** other security in the shape of Italian harbour and railway control. This is the way Hitler hopes to "legalise" his occupation of Italy against a future Fascist collapse.

★ **Many surprises** are in store for the Axis when U.S.A. leaves Britain for action nearer Germany. High-powered war material production to help Britain—and this will be greater than is now thought possible—certainly American naval units will be enabled to leave the Atlantic for action nearer Germany. U.S.A. may also soon strengthen "European" squadrons in order to safeguard their interests and in answer to Hitler's sink-at-sight threat.

★ **Other action covering** the defence of America under this Axis possibly early resumption and deportation of all the chief Nazi agents carrying on their work under diplomatic or commercial cover.

★ **Chief of German press**, Fritz Weidemann, Hitler's confidant and former D.C., who is nominally Consul General in San Francisco, but who is known to be the Nazi paymaster of a continent-wide sabotage scheme.

★ **All 21 States of the Pan-American Conference** have expressed their confidence in President Roosevelt's policy and willingness to co-operate by adopting similar measures against Nazi activities in their own countries.

★ **First hint to Germany of future** of a knock-out blow to her from this part of the world is the fact that the Nazi ambassador in Washington is expected to be replaced by a German diplomat specially ordered by Goebbels against the stigmatised slogan on British exports—"Britain delivers the goods"—as a slight to German honour and ability to counter blockade or win the war.

★ **Most striking reply** was delivered by British Treasury who, emphasising neutrality, invited Germany to supply its own requirements for raw materials and to export in Uruguay since the war began except the Graf Spee and her supply tender.

★ **Further loss of ground** has been recorded by Nazis in France in Spain. Spanish guerrillas no longer exclusively report Goebbels' system of events.

★ **British communiques** now have at least equal publicity. In many other ways the Spanish people are receiving the British press. They are not so hesitant to show their open dislike in many Nazi-Fascist states.

★ **Despite denial**, Japan has been assured secretly, moves to bring the China war to a close. The Japanese Government is willing to negotiate direct with Chungking, and has offered to abolish their puppet Peking Government if it can be arranged.

★ **Italy's position** has been seen through the trap, as have Britain and U.S.A. Italy is behind Tokyo. Hitler has promised Japan "the whole of Asia" later if she shuts down the China war now in order to help the Axis to victory before U.S.A. help to Britain increases and Italy collapses.

★ **After months of high-powered** propaganda, the Japanese have bombed the Burma Road out of existence have failed. Several thousand tons of ammunition, transit day and night along its route.

★ **Specially noticeable** is the fact that the Chinese for aid-Britain war manufacturers are being regularly and safely moved across the 1,000 miles of Burma Road to the British frontier.

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There's nothing like the cheering goodness of Guinness to refresh and strengthen you after a hard day, or to give you a good night of sound and restful sleep.

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7.15—Songs.
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11.00—For the Indian Empire.
11.00—Time: Service.

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11.15—Songs.	5.0—News; Giffman.
11.20—Gramophone.	5.10—Tango Time.
10.25—News from India.	10.0—Time; Epilogue.
10.35—For the Indian Forces.	10.5—Jack Payne and his Orchestra.
11.5—Time; Service.	11.0—Close Down.

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TWO JAP ADMIRALS KILLED

Tokyo, Saturday.
Two Japanese admirals and four senior naval officers have been killed in a plane which crashed on a mountain in the Kwantung province of China.

The admirals were Baron Muro Osumi, a member of the Japanese War Council, and Rear-Admiral Hikokichi Sugawara, official communiqué says that their plane reported off from Canton for Hainan Island on Wednesday and was reported missing the same day.

Searching planes spotted the wreckage on the mountainside. A landing party was immediately sent under cover of naval air and land forces. They reached the scene yesterday and found all the occupants of the plane dead.

Admiral Muro was formerly aide-de-camp to the famous Admiral Togo. In 1919 he attended the Versailles peace conference while serving as naval attaché in Paris.

At one time he was stationed in Germany, just before the present war began he visited Italy—Reuters.

CANADIAN GIRLS SURPRISE THE RAF

Winnipeg, Saturday.
CONTINGENT OF RAF trainees had a bright surprise when Winnipeg girls when their train stopped there en route for training in Western Canada—for all the girls were in evening dress. They had been attending a dance when word went round that the boys from Britain were to pass through in the early morning. So, accompanied by the dance band, they went to the station to welcome them.

While volunteer workers passed round tea, chocolates and cigarettes, the girls danced on the platform with the British airmen—B.U.P.

TEN MILLION LAST WEEK

In the War Savings campaign last week a total of £10,000,000 was raised, £3,726,874 from Savings Certificates, £2,315,560 from Defence Bonds, and £3,957,566 from increased balances in the P.O. and Trustee Savings Banks.

MEAT RATION UNCHANGED

The Ministry of Food announced that the most ration for meat remains at 1 lb. 3d. for adults and 7d. for children under six.

Strong and sturdy bodies in spite of war conditions



Rowntree's Cocoa now fortified with Fresh-Food Vitamins

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40,000 Italian Post Taken

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HELPING THE FALLEN FOE

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Must Find Answer To Italy's SOS

FROM A DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

BEHIND HITLER'S INTENSIFIED PRESSURE ON FRANCE TO SECURE, WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, THE SERVICES OF THE FRENCH FLEET AND NAVAL BASES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IS HIS DREAD OF THE SPEED WITH WHICH THE TURN OF THE WAR TIDE MAY SWAMP HIM.

He has just received what is possibly Fascism's last SOS.

Mussolini has warned his partner that unless America and Greek successes are checked within the next few weeks it may be beyond their combined resources to prevent the early and complete collapse of the Axis.

The Duce admits his fear of the popular reaction in Italy, since the loss of the Italian Empire, which the country had been blind white. Possibly to emphasize the seriousness of their position, Mussolini also to force Hitler's hand—his hand—circles have let it be known that Mussolini's most trusted confidant, the millionaire financier Count Volpe de Marone, has just arrived in Spain, where he will try to discover Allied peace terms either through American or Spanish or Vatican intermediaries.

As a result of this, the Nazis react violently, namely, to occupy moment to lose. Their political, economic and military difficulties, which a full-scale campaign against the Italian Empire, might lead to a general flare-up in the Balkans with a resultant invasion or suspension of vital supplies to Germany. Hitler has been alarmed at this risk, less of all just now.

This position makes it easy to understand why Hitler is so anxious to obtain the services of the French fleet and naval bases in the Mediterranean. While the world is engrossed in the drama of Vichy, Hitler is quietly working to secure the services of the French fleet and naval bases in the Mediterranean.

His first move has been directed against unoccupied France, but his information that, despite the ruthless pressure now being exerted on Vichy and notwithstanding that Marshal Petain has been on many occasions his trumps.

Hitler's greatest Problem
Hitler may be driven, indeed, to make a decision he would make to occupy all France by force. In that event he would have to run the grave risk of French colonial resistance. Hitler's greatest problem is how to engineer this reversal without jeopardizing his former advances and cannot find the solution.

It is extremely doubtful whether the Nazis could succeed in taking the French African bases and Navy by force. In the event of a successful attempt, the German position would become only a little less serious than Mussolini's—and, in fact, if the French Empire were forced into the war again, Italy's last hope of continued resistance in Libya would vanish overnight.

It has also been driven home to the Nazi High Command that, owing to Axis misadventure in the Mediterranean, the Italian army is in a desperate position.

By the time the German position is so serious that they are forced to make a decision to occupy all France by force, it will be too late for them to make a decision to occupy all France by force.

At TORRUK, General Wavell had to employ new technique again. His troops punched away here and there until finally on January 21 he struck a heavy blow from an unexpected direction and the town fell.

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TONIGHT'S BLACKOUT TIMES

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Newcastle . . . 8.32 p.m. 7.55 a.m.
Plymouth . . . 8.32 p.m. 7.55 a.m.
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